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Agriculture in Vancouver Island.

GOOD LAND—DRAINAGE.

The land under cultivation on Vancouver Island is naturally of a very fertile nature, and with proper management, would produce large crops of grain, roots and vegetables. The scarcity, however, of good agricultural laborers and the high rates of wages demanded, will prevent farmers for the present going to very great expense in clearing, and more particularly draining. The system of land draining pursued on the heavy lands in England would be most beneficial here; a brief statement of that system may be of benefit to some of your readers. The land which is intended for fallow, is in the winter ploughed out in diagonal furrows about 20 yards apart; then the farm laborers with two narrow spades, one for the top spit, the other much narrower and chisel pointed for the bottom spit, dig out a drain to the depth of 24 inches. This drain is carefully hoed out and all crumbs of dirt taken from the bottom. Then tiles are carefully put in and a little straw on top of them, when the drain is again filled in with the earth already dug. Leading ditches are at the bottom of the field to carry off the water from the drains to some common sewers which empty themselves into the numerous streams and rivulets. Inasmuch as tiles cannot be obtained here, bushes cut in lengths of about two feet and put into the drain with a forked stick and straw or fern on top and filled in with earth as already mentioned, would answer the purpose very well.

WHEAT GROWING.

The wheat grown here is of a very superior quality, quite equal to the best qualities grown in England. There are four kinds of wheat on this Island: the rough or velvet chaff is perhaps the best and most hardy; then there is a smooth chaff white wheat, very good; also, Talevera or spring wheat of a most excellent quality; and a bearded red wheat of very indifferent quality from those above mentioned. The quantity of wheat generally sown is from 1 1/2 to 2 bushels to the acre, and the average produce is from 16 to 20 to the bushel. But this by cultivation might be doubled. The best time for planting wheat is from the last week in October to the end of November, and it may also be sown with advantage from February to the middle of March.

PEAS.

There are three sorts of peas cultivated here: the acy-meter or blue pea; the dun or grey pea; and a small white pea. The two first are the most productive, and 40 to 50 bushels of those have been grown on an acre. The best time for sowing these is from February to the end of March, but they may be sown much later with success.

BARLEY AND OATS

May be sown about the same time as peas; about 2 1/2 bushels to the acre is sufficient. I have seen no really good samples of either barley or oats on the Island. It is very likely the land has not been in a fit state to receive the seed. This is certainly the true reason.

TURNIPS, ETC.

Turnips, both Swedish and white, are very productive and useful, no farmers ought to be without a few acres for his stock in the winter season.

Mangle-wurtzel, another very valuable root, does well here. The land requires to be well cleaned for it, and about one pound of seed to the acre, sown in the beginning of May. This crop, like turnips, requires to be kept well cleaned from weeds; and in the month of April when the farmer finds his last year's stock of turnips gone, and the grass just shooting up, his wurtzel will be fully appreciated. From 10 to 15 tons of mangle-wurtzel may be produced to the acre.

POTATOES.

This valuable esculent is very productive; is so easily cultivated, and so well known it does not require any comment, as every one is acquainted with its culture. Every person who has visited Vancouver must speak in praise of their fine quality, which cannot be excelled. They yield about 160 to 200 bushels to the acre.

BEANS.

Such as are used by the miners in British Columbia, may also be grown with advantage.

age. They are sown in rows, in April and May. I grew a few last year, and intend to try an acre at least this year. They may be gathered green, as French beans, and are equally as good.

Vegetables of all kinds do well, as may be seen in all the little gardens around Victoria.

HAY.

Last, but not least required, is the cultivation of grass for hay. When I look at the immense amount of hay imported I cannot but advise every farmer to turn his attention to its growth, as there must always be a great demand for it. I believe the most productive kind is timothy, but I would advise mixed grasses of all kinds, clover, trefoil, Dutch clover, rye grass, all being mixed together and sown, so that if one fails another takes.

ORCHARDS.

Orchards are in progress, and those trees that have been planted three or four years have produced a fine quality of apples, pears and plums. The orchard would pay perhaps better than anything, as after the expense of planting it requires great attention, but little pecuniary outlay, and is really an interesting employment.

STOCK RAISING.

The improvement in the breed and raising of stock is very necessary; and now there is a market for cattle it would be well for the farmer to clear off many of his original stock and improve it by an importation of good young heifers from our neighbors in Oregon, which may now be purchased at reasonable rates.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Quinsy, Sore Throat and Diphtheria.—With the foggy, damp winter evenings, the human throat becomes subject to many diseases, particularly inflammation and ulceration. In quinsy or inflamed throat, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed upon the top of the chest and round the throat, after those parts have been bathed in warm salt and water and dried, has a wonderful power in checking the inflammation and removing all the unpleasantness and dangers caused by quinsy. Holloway's Pills should be taken at the same time, as they relieve the general fever.

"Cheap John."

THE WELL KNOWN HOUSE OF "CHEAP JOHN," EVERYBODY'S FRIEND, has opened in Yates Building, Yates street, near corner of Wharf, and next door to McDonald, the Banker. It will be well for everybody to call and see us. Our old customers we know will continue to patronize us, for they know that our Goods are the best and cheapest in the market. All Orders from the country promptly attended to, at the

Lowest Market Price, for Cash.

Merchants and others will find it to their advantage to call and examine our Stock, as we are always well supplied with an extensive assortment of Goods, consisting of

All kinds of Clothing,

FIT EITHER FOR THE MINES OR BALL ROOM

FURNISHING GOODS,

Of every Description;

HATS AND CAPS

In every Style;

BOOTS AND SHOES

From the best Makers;

CUTLERY, PERFUMERY, ACCORDEONS, PLAYING CARDS, TOBACCO, SEGARS, CANDLES, YANKEE NOTIONS, ETC.

Our motto is "GOOD GOODS FOR LITTLE MONEY." Terms Cash. Only one price, on the "No more, no less" principle.

D. & H. SHIRPSER,

Cheap Johns, Auctioneers and Commission Merchants.

ANTOINE FOSSORIER,
Chronometer Watchmaker and Jeweller,
Government street, near Johnson.
(FROM GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.)

Music Boxes, Chronometers, and Watches repaired and regulated for Two Years. All kinds of Jewelry repaired. del 3m

REMOVAL.

C. VEREYDHEN,
Contractor and Builder,
Has removed his Office to the Brick Building

Corner of Douglas and Fort streets, upstairs, AND IS PREPARED TO CONTRACT for or superintend the erection of Brick or Frame Buildings of any kind or style. Parties who intend to build will do well to call and plans will be shown for brick stores or dwellings which can be erected at a trifling cost over that of a wooden building. Plans and drawings of every style and specifications made at the shortest notice. ja27 1m

Trees! Trees!! Trees!!!
JUST RECEIVED, PER STEAMER
"Eliza Anderson"
From the Olympia Nursery,

A fresh assortment of Apple, Pear, Cherry and Plum Trees, (warranted.) For sale by
PEASE & BOYCE
Union Wharf.
ja18-1m2p

FOR SALE.
500 HALE CALIFORNIA OAT HAY,
400 sacks Barley,
200 sacks Oats,
200 sacks Bran,
In lots to suit.
J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co.,
Wharf street.
ja22 1m

R. G. JANION,
Liverpool. } JANION, GREEN & CO.,
Honolulu, Sandwich Islands
JANION & GREEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Foot of Johnson st., near the Bridge,
au25-5m* Victoria, V. I.

Agents for the Liverpool Board of Underwriters.

NOTICES.

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The Victoria Gas Co. (Limited.)

AT AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF this Company, held at the Office of Messrs. J. I. Little & Co., Wharf street, on the seventeenth inst., it was moved and carried that a public notice should be given to all persons who had signed the original list of Shareholders, and who had neglected to sign the Registered Bill, as by law required, allowing thirty days from that date to sign their names to the Registered Bill, otherwise their right to allotment of shares to be forfeited.

JAS. N. THAIN,
JOS. J. SOUTHWATE,
ROBT. BURNARD,
EMAN. GRACINI,
J. L. CAVERT,
JNO. T. LITTLE,
Directors.
Victoria, V. I., 19th January, 1861. ja21

CAUTION.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED against purchasing the building lately occupied for a Grocery Store by Thos. Phelan, and against purchasing the lease, inasmuch as the subscriber holds a bill of sale of the house and the lease. The above building and lease is offered for sale low. Apply to
ja25* JAMES THORNE.

CARD.

ALL PARTIES HAVING RECEIVED Goods from the wreck of the Bark Nanette, are required to deliver them at the Wharf of the Hudson Bay Co., at Victoria, with all diligence. Any party failing to do so will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law.
ALEX. C. ANDERSON, Lloyd's Agent.
ja11

REMOVAL.

G. VIGNOLO HAS REMOVED HIS place of business from Johnson street, to the Fireproof Brick Building, corner of Yates and Wharf streets.
G. VIGNOLO,
ja9 1m Corner Wharf and Yates streets.

Information Wanted.

ANDREW PARDEE LEFT HUMBOLDT California, in 1858, for Fraser River, and has not been heard from since; is of light complexion, and 26 years old. Any one knowing of his whereabouts would confer a great favor by writing to his father, A. L. PARDEE, Union Town, Humboldt Bay, Cal.; or Dr. PARDEE, San Francisco. ja18 1m

LOST.

A Branch key fitted inside a blue stone. Five dollars reward will be paid on leaving it to
J. J. SOUTHWATE'S,
ja16 Wharf street.

TO LEASE

FOR A LONG TERM, LOT ON LANGLEY STREET.
Apply to W. CULVERWELL,
ja27 1m Cor. Langley and Yates streets.

L. D. LOWENBERG.

REAL ESTATE AGENT.
East side of Government st., bet. Yates & Johnson

WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO selling, purchasing, and leasing property, to negotiating loans, and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.

Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing Homesteads, or making investments, will find on my Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street, Farming or Gardening Land in every District; some of which afford a rare chance for investment. Conveyances, leases, &c., drawn up at reasonable rates
ja23-11

NESBITT & CO.,

Corner of Broad and Yates streets.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED FIRM having just received the latest and best machinery, are prepared to fill all orders for

PILOT BREAD,
NAVY BREAD,
SODA CRACKERS,
Sugar Crackers, Butter Crackers
PICNIC CRACKERS,
WATER CRACKERS,
At the shortest notice and most reasonable rates.
A large and fresh assortment constantly on hand.
ja21 1m

FOR SALE EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

50 CASES TENNANT'S PALE ALE (qrts.)
30 cases Tennant's Strong Ale (qrts.)
20 cases J. & Cope's Burton Ale (qrts.)
20 cases Bivas' Pale Ale (pils.)
10 cases Oregon Cider,
20 cases Old Tom,
20 cases Daventry's Whisk Whisky,
25 cases Duff Gordon's Pale Sherry,
25 cases Superior Brandy,
30 cases Booth & Sedgwick's Gin,
15 cases assorted Syrup,
25 cases Old Bourbon Whisky,
5 punchesons Bernard's Old Tom,
5 do Stewart's Scotch Whisky,
5 do McKenzie's do do
In lots to suit.
J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co.,
ja22 1m Wharf street.

THE "PHENIX."

THE PROPRIETOR KEEPS constantly on hand the best brands of
ENGLISH AND FRENCH
WINES AND LIQUORS.

HOT LUNCH EVERY DAY.
ja29 1w24p

Societe Francaise de Bienfaisance.

LES SOCIETAIRES SONT PREVUS. Les unions preparatoires aux lieses Ludi 4 Forier a 8 heures du soir, rue Johnson, en face du Tiger Engine Co., pour entendre toutes propositions et se preparer a la nomination d'un Nouveau Comite pour l'annee courante, et tous les societaires sont invites a etre presents, ainsi qu'a l'assemblee generale qui aura lieu Mardi 15 Fevrier, a la meme heure et dans le meme local.
Par ordre du Comite,
Le Secretaire par Interim.
J. B. TIMMERMAN.
ja26 1m

FOR SALE.
1000 GALLONS CAMPHRENE, IN lots to suit.
J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co.,
ja22 1m Wharf street.

Sewed Muslins.

JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS, from Messrs. Gibson, Service & Co.'s manufactory, Glasgow, a very superior lot, comprising SEITIS, FLORES, FLORES, SEITIS, and TRIM MINGS, made expressly for this season's trade. For Sale by
WM. MUIR,
Langley St., off Yates.
ja22 1m

A Fine English Sextant

BELONGING TO A LATE MASTER IN Her Majesty's Service, by one of the best makers, for sale by
P. M. BACKUS, Yates street.
ja21

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS.

JUST OPENED AND FOR SALE, a due lot of German Tin Toys by
P. M. BACKUS, Yates street.
ja21

Vancouver Island Hay.
BRIER HAS FOR SALE A LARGE quantity of Timothy Hay and Potatoes, cheaply, at Mr. KINLAYSON'S Farm.
ja16 1m

FOR SALE-TO LET.

FOR SALE.

THE SMALL HOUSE, CONTAINING three rooms and a kitchen, on Johnson street, near the Slaughter House, together with the Lot, is offered for sale low. The Lot is 6x120 feet; and an opportunity is now offered to any person desirous of a home in the country of procuring one cheap. Inquire on the premises.
ja30 1w* JOHN SUTHERLAND.

TO LEASE.

SEVERAL OF THE MOST VALUABLE Lots purchased at the late H. B. Co.'s sale, including the corners on Fort and Wharf streets, and Water Lots. Apply to
JOHN J. COCHRANE,
Government street
ja29

TO LET OR LEASE.

BRICK STORE,
Corner of Douglas and Fort streets.
ONE OF THE BEST SITUATIONS for a Family Grocery; rent low.

APARTMENTS OR SINGLE ROOMS
Upstairs, rent \$6 per month each room (private entrance.)

All rooms well and hard finished, with fireplaces and wash room attached to the building.
Lot 35 x 70 on Yates street below Douglas, with alley in the rear. Lot on Fort street next to corner of Douglas. Lot and Store on Humbolt street next to corner of Government. Small Cottage, 2 rooms, on Douglas alley, corner of Douglas and Yates streets, rent, \$8 per month.
Small Lot on Douglas street near Fort street.
Apply to C. VEREYDHEN,
Brick Building, corner Douglas and Fort streets.
Or to J. B. TIMMERMAN, Government street.
ja27 1m

FOR LEASE.

AT A MODERATE RENT,
MR. RUSSELL'S FARM AT SPRINGFIELD, Esquimalt Road, comprising about 42 acres and seven of the very best quality of Garden land (part under fruit trees), enclosed by a good and substantial fence; together with Dwelling, Stable, etc.

The party renting will have the privilege of purchasing six milk cows, one spring wagon, horse and harness, and all the necessary gardening implements. For further particulars, apply to Mr. RUSSELL, on the premises, or to Mr. A. MACDONALD, Yates street.
ja19 1m

The Indian Reserve.
THE VERY VALUABLE WATER FRONTAGE ON VICTORIA HARBOR.

With other portions of the Reserve, will be Leased in Lots for Mercantile purposes on reasonable terms. Application to be made at the Office of JOHN J. COCHRANE, Government street, where a map of the Reserve may be seen.
ja15 1m

To Rent! To Rent!
A FIREPROOF STORE.

TO RENT—THE FIREPROOF BRICK STORE in the "Colonist Building," Government street, near the Post Office; will be rented low, if application be made at once. It is well fitted with Counter and Shelves for a Grocer or Dry Goods man.
ja24p A. DE COSMOS.

TO LEASE.

THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS OF BELMONT and Esquimalt Harbor, recently occupied by Chief Justice Cameron. For particulars, apply at the Office of
JOHN J. COCHRANE,
Government street.
ja22

A. C. L. MORE,

TAILOR.
Yates street, third door below Government street, HAS RECEIVED BY THE LATEST arrivals a large assortment of Custom-made WINTER CLOTHING

AND
Gents' Furnishing Goods,

With a well assorted Stock of Cloths, consisting of Pilot, Beaver, Cassimere, Fancy and Black Doeskin, Fancy Velvet and Silk Vest Patterns, Which I am prepared to make to order in the latest and most approved styles. My Stock is wholly composed of Gentlemen's Goods, and my personal attention entirely devoted to rendering satisfaction to my patrons. The Tailoring Department connected with my Ready-made Clothing, enables me to sell the same quality of goods cheaper than any other establishment in Victoria. Those parties desirous of durable and well fitting garments would find it advantageous to call.
ja2 1m

Havana Cigars.

LATEST IMPORTATION.
FIGARO, ne plus ultra, Regalia Britannica.
La Flor de Santiago Pardo do
La Villa de Gijon do
El Sultan do
La Verdi do
Our San Juan do
La Flor de Lopez & Torre do
El Deleite do
La Riqueza Cubana do
Villa de Gijon, Regalia de Londres do
La Uralia do
La Viuda de Garcia Cigaretos.
For sale in lots to suit, by
G. VIGNOLO,
Corner Yates and Wharf streets.
ja11 1m

Reid & McDonald
OFFER FOR SALE EX "ALMA," Ladies' Balmoral Lambswool and colored Hose, Gentlemen's do and stout grey do Children's Hoods, Gaiters and Boas, Duckworth's extra bottled Porter, Bass and Burton's bottled Ale 60 of different brands in casks and cases
ja11 1m

SAMUEL PRICE & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Corner of Wharf and Johnson streets,
ja11 1m VICTORIA, V. I.

JAMES LOWE,
(Of the late firm of Allan, Lowe & Co., San Francisco)
Commission Merchant,
VICTORIA, V. I.
Office in Midwell's Brick Building, Yates street.
ja19 1m

James G. Poston,
Late in the employ of Spoor & Co.
ACCOUNTANT, COLLECTOR, CONVEYANCER, HOUSE AND LAND AGENT, etc., etc.
Office (pro tem.) in the building lately occupied by Spoor & Co., Wharf street.
ja21 1m

FOR SALE,
40 TONS SWEDISH TURNIPS, At the Farm of JOHN DUTNALL & SONS, Benson Hill.
ja29 1m*

DR. CLERJON,
FROM PARIS,
Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur,
Government street, between Yates and Johnson, in the Yard opposite Washington Restaurant.
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GROCERIES, ETC.



WM. BURRINGTON SMITH,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
Groceries, Provisions,
and General Oilmen's Stores,
Purveyor to His Excellency the Governor and to
H. B. M. Navy,
GOVERNMENT STREET,
Opposite the Colonial Hotel, Victoria, V. I.

Office of Wilby's Victoria and Esquimalt Express.

LESTER & GIBBS
HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX "W. B. SCRAN TON," and recent arrivals:
50 boxes Candles;
100 bbls Self-Rising & Golden Gate Flour;
8000 lbs Bacon (choice);
25 bbls Hope Butter;
20 sacks Java Coffee;
25 sacks Rio Coffee;
10 chests superior Black Tea;
20 bbls Crushed Sugar;
Lobsters; Oysters;
Worcester Sauce; J & H Lard;
Pickles; Syrup, &c. &c.

In store and for sale at low rates by
LESTER & GIBBS,
Yates street, near Washington.
N. B.—A choice lot of FRESH BUTTER for Family use. ja11 1m

J. W. Tripp & Co.,
Dealers in Oregon Produce,
Corner of Government and Johnson Streets,
Have constantly on hand
BACON, HAMS, BUTTER AND EGGS.
PER SANTA CRUZ, A LARGE LOT

—OF—
POULTRY,
Comprising GESE, TURKIES, CHICKENS, &c.
—ALSO—
An excellent lot of
FRUIT TREES
Of all kinds, selected expressly for this market from the best Nurseries in Oregon.
ja21 1m

KWONG LEE & CO.,
Commission Merchants.
Importers and Dealers in
CHINESE GOODS,
Rice, Sugar, Tea, Provisions, etc.,
CORNORANT STREET,
Between Government and Douglas streets,
VICTORIA, V. I. ja31 1m

HIBBEN & CARSWELL,
Booksellers and Stationers,
RECEIVE ADDITIONS BY NEARLY every Steamer to their present large Stock of
School, Standard and Miscellaneous
BOOKS,
Embracing most of the Modern and Ancient Standard Authors in
POETRY AND FICTION,
MECHANICS, AGRICULTURE,
HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, RELIGION,
Law, Medicine, Sciences, Music, etc.,
BIBLES, HYMN AND PRAYER BOOKS,
MAPS,
In Sections of both Hemispheres.

—ALSO—
Stationery,
Consisting of
BLANK WORK IN GREAT VARIETY,
from Miniature to Counting House size,
Writing Papers and Materials,
Printers' Stationery and Wrapping Paper,
Playing and Visiting Cards
Letter, Note and Official Envelopes,
MUSIC AND MUSIC PAPER,
Drawing and Tracing Paper and Cloth,
DRAWING BOOKS & INSTRUMENTS,
Pocket and Counting House Diaries for 1861.

Blank, Law and Shipping Forms,
Log Books, Time Books, Draft and Note and Order Books.

SHIPPING RECEIPTS,
Copying Presses, Eyelet Machines,
And a variety of other Fancy and Staple Stationery, and a good assortment of
GOLD PENS AND
POCKET CUTLERY.
ja22 1m STATIONERS' HALL, 40 Yates street.

EX "ALMA," FROM LONDON:
100 CASES PALE MARIELL BRANDY:
100 cases Dark
10 cases U. V. Proprietors
300 cases McKenzie's Old Tom;
10 cases Do Do;
150 cases Do Scotch Whisky;
10 cases Do Do;
Port Wine, Rum, Shrub, Burgundy, Brandy, etc
For sale by
WM. MUIR,
Langley street, off Yates.
ja22 1m

S. DUCK,
Wheelwright & Carriage Maker,
AT T. CAMERON'S, (Blacksmiths),
Cornorant street.
Orders punctually attended to, and all warranted good. del 6m

Mr. JOHN COPLAND,
CHAIRMAN,
No. 30 YATES STREET, VICTORIA V. I.
d193m*

BUREAU, CHAIRS AND ROCKING CHAIRS,
for sale by
P. M. BACKUS, Yates street
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TO ADVERTISERS.

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VICTORIA, Nov. 17th, 1860.

Tuesday Morning, Feb. 5, 1861.

The Grand Jury Report.

It seems that the Grand Jury, in the estimation of Chief Justice Cameron, are beginning "to put on airs," and to interfere in matters over which they have no control, and into which, if they make any inquiry, they are guilty of an excess of duty. The general opinion has heretofore prevailed that Grand Jurors have been by far too negligent in the discharge of their duties,—or, we might say, in the exercise of those privileges, which are by law and custom conferred upon them; and although the exercise of those privileges may be very distasteful to the learned Chief Justice, and very provoking to the talented Attorney General, exposing, as they occasionally do, the incapacity of both to discharge efficiently the duties of their respective stations, we feel fully persuaded that public opinion will back them up in their efforts to bring to light the delinquencies of public functionaries, abuses in any department of the public service which may come under their observation, and their directing the attention of Government to any subject which, in their opinion, calls for Executive or judicial interference, to promote or remove, approve or condemn, as the general welfare of the community may demand. This they have an unquestionable right to do—in fact it devolves upon them as a positive duty—and although in the exercise of their legitimate functions they may sometimes have to endure a judicial snubbing, we trust these "slight afflictions" will not deter them from persevering in the path of duty, believing that in due season their labors will produce the desired results.

In a new country like this, where everything may be said to be in a transition state, our institutions not yet established on any permanent basis, our laws but feebly and inefficiently administered, and our legislature a bye-word abroad and laughing-stock at home, much more necessarily devolves on Grand Jurors than would be required of them were our institutions more firmly grounded, and those who are charged with the administration of public affairs better qualified for their respective positions. In older communities, where the machinery of government is in regular working condition—where the duties of officers are clearly defined, and every department is under the management and control of a responsible head,—the duties of Grand Jurors are necessarily much more circumscribed than are those in this colony; and hence if Grand Jurors here are, through force of circumstances arising out of the facts alluded to, under the necessity of calling attention to matters which, under different circumstances, might fairly be considered not within the pale of their jurisdiction, they should, we think, be spared the infliction of a reprimand from the bench, like that administered to the last Grand Jury.

We clearly join issue, however, with his Lordship in saying that the Grand Jury had exceeded their duty by visiting the hospital, on the ground that it is a private institution. His Lordship must be troubled with a very defective memory, or he would never have made so broad an assertion on so slender a basis. If he will turn to the Colonial Accounts, an abstract of which was laid before the Assembly in March last by His Excellency, he will find these items enumerated among the disbursements:—"Royal Hospital, Victoria—Steward, £45 16s. 8d.; Medical attendance, £62 10s.; miscellaneous expenses, £135 10s. 10d.; building Hospital, £233 6s. 8d." Besides, there is the £250 voted by the Assembly. Now, if the Royal Hospital is a "private" institution, supported by "private" subscription, and the authorities have "nothing whatever" to do with it, how comes it that upwards of £578 of the public money of the colony was, in 1859, expended in erecting the building, and supplying the means requisite to carry it on? It is important that the public should be enlightened on this point, for it is rather unusual for private hospitals to be so liberally supplied with public money; and if the Chief Justice will explain the matter, and tell us upon what grounds he came to the sage conclusion that the Grand Jury had "exceeded their duty" by visiting the Hospital, built as it was, in whole or in part, by public funds, he will confer a favor on many who are somewhat inclined to call in question the soundness of his opinion.

But apart from the question as to whether or not the institution is supported by government money, we hold the Grand Jury had a right to visit it. Although it be true that it is entirely sustained by the voluntary contributions of the charitably disposed, it is none the less a public institution; one in which the entire community have an interest, and consequently fairly within the jurisdiction or cognizance of the Grand Jury,

and a legitimate subject for inquiry on their part. Their visit to the institution, while it is not in any way calculated to militate against its interest, or the interests of those confined there, may possibly operate to its material advantage, by bringing it in a prominent manner before the public, and making known its condition and wants, and the necessity for making it entirely a public institution beyond question. In this view of the matter, apart from the fact that it is a public institution, in which the public have a monied interest, as shown above, the Grand Jury clearly had an undoubted right to visit it.

The idea that the Grand Jury should have indicted the District of Esquimalt for not keeping the road in good condition, is, to our mind, a novel one, though it may be strictly legal. Doubtless the people of Esquimalt District suffer as great inconvenience therefrom, nay, much greater, than any other class, and would gladly see the road put in suitable repair; but the money is wanting wherewith to do it, owing to the culpable negligence of "the powers that be." Had His Lordship instructed the Grand Jury to indict the gentlemen who represent that District in the Assembly for non-attention to the interests of their constituents—and they alone should be held accountable for the present deplorable condition of the road in question—we entertain the opinion that such an instruction would have been received with universal approbation. It is all very fine to say, "Indict the District;" but the District is not to blame. If pursuing that course would fix the burden of the road upon the shoulders of the true delinquents, we would cordially indorse the idea; but such would not be the case—instead of thereby bringing the guilty to justice, the innocent would be held responsible for results over which they had no manner of control. Let the authorities furnish the means to keep the road in repair—let them disburse the funds already voted, and if after that it is allowed to become a public nuisance, then it will be time enough to talk about "indicting the District."

The Charge Against the Owners of the Bark Glimpse.

The charge made by the officers and passengers of the brig Consort against the officers and owners of the bark Glimpse, has, we are glad to say, been amply refuted by Messrs. Reynolds and Roeder, who have furnished us with affidavits and statements from parties cognizant of the affair. Want of space compels us to give but the substance of those documents. Jas. S. Harrison, a passenger on the Glimpse at the time she was said to have refused the Consort assistance, states positively that no vessel was seen by them in distress during the voyage, and that at the time the Glimpse is said to have passed the Consort, she was moored at Pease & Boyce's wharf. Capt. Nagle, harbor-master for the port of Victoria, furnishes the following certificate:

I certify that the bark Glimpse, Capt. H. Roeder, from San Francisco, entered at this office on the 8th day of November, 1860.

J. W. NAGLE, Collector of the Port.

VICTORIA, February 2d, 1861.
Edward F. Boyce, one of the proprietors of Pease & Boyce's wharf, makes affidavit:

"That the American bark Glimpse, Capt. Roeder, arrived at the port of Victoria, Vancouver Island, and came alongside the wharf of Pease & Boyce, on the morning of the eighth day of November, A. D. 1860, and commenced discharging her cargo on that day."

John M. Lockman, acting mate of the Consort, makes affidavit that on the 6th of November last, he saw a bark heading for the Straits, distant about eight miles; the brig made no signal of distress, and no females were observed on the deck of the bark; on the morning of the 8th, another bark was seen, which came within a mile of the Consort, but rendered no assistance.

George F. Alley, a passenger on the Consort, testified to the same facts, in the main, as Mr. Lockman. Upon reference to our files, we find that the Glimpse arrived on the 8th of November, and as that was the date upon which the Consort's captain alleged to have seen her outside of Cape Flattery, his statement is unquestionably erroneous. We consider Messrs. Roeder and Reynolds to be the victims of an unfortunate mistake, and have now no hesitation in pronouncing them entirely innocent of the charge of refusing assistance to the Consort when in distress.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Victoria Gas Company (Limited)

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at their Office on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., at 2 P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Auditing Committee, relative to Messrs. J. T. Little & Co.'s accounts for preliminary expenses.

By order of the Chairman, A. F. MAIN, Sec'y.

Victoria, V. I., Company's Office, corner Yates and Langley streets, 4th February, 1861.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT Watches or Jewelry in my Establishment for repair, are publicly notified that I will close out my business within forty days, and leave the country; consequently they are requested to call and get what belongs to them without delay. After the 15th I will take no more work.

A. FASSORIER.

INTERNATIONAL Industrial Exhibition of 1862.

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD at the Court House at James' Bay, on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., at 2 P. M., to consider the expediency of representing the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia in the forthcoming Exhibition, and to devise means for best securing that object. His Excellency the Governor has consented to preside.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Victoria Theatre.

THE DISTINGUISHED TRAGEDIANS Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stark,

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TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 5, 1861, Will be performed the Powerful and Brilliant Musical Drama, in 3 acts, entitled

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The Evening's Entertainment will conclude with the very Laughable Farce of

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140 sacks Wheat. EX SCHOONER ECLIPSE:

100 boxes Fay's Soap; 10 cases Best Lard; 10 do Bacon; 10 do Olive Oil; 20 gunnies Salt, 5-lb bags; 8 firkins Goshe's Butter, double packages, (Patrick's); 10 firkins Ordinary Butter;

J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.

AUCTION.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9, 1861, At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

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